

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 479

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Destinee Michelle Baker,
2007 Valedictorian of McEwen High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Destinee Michelle Baker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at McEwen High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Baker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Destinee has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, including basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, Student Council, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Beta Club, and the Leo Club; she has lent her leadership skills as a reporter for Student Council, a reporter for her class and as an FCA officer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Baker is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions honoring her commitment to academic excellence; she traveled to Washington, D.C. as the winner of a short story contest and served as a delegate for Volunteer Girls State, the Tennessee Leadership Seminar, and the Meriwether Lewis Electric Company Leadership Summit; and

WHEREAS, Destinee's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Destinee Michelle Baker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 McEwen High School Valedictorian, Destinee Michelle Baker, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.